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FOREIGN TELECOM COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of foreign telecom companies operating in the country as on date;

(b) the areas of their operation;

(c) whether the Government have control over these companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) No foreign telecom company is allowed to operate in the country in telecom sector. As per the license conditions, only Indian registered companies can operate in the telecom sector. Foreign companies may have equity participation as per the foreign direct investment (FDI) policy for the telecom sector.

(b) to (e): Do not arise in view of (a) above.